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TAGS: PINS, AR

SUBJECT: KIDNAPPING OF RETIRED ADMIRAL

1. EARLY MORNING APRIL 2 RADM( R) FRANCISCO AGUSTIN ALEMAN, FORMER UNDERSECRETARY OF ARGENTINE MERCHANT MARINE, WAS KIDNAPPED FROM HIS APARTMENT IN DOWNTOWN BUENOS AIRES. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, A TOTAL OF NINE PERSONS, INCLUDING, PERHAPS, A RELATIVE OF THE VICTIM, WERE INVOLVED IN THE KIDNAPPING.

2.. PRESS REPORTS ALSO INDICATE THAT KEDNAPPERS PAINTED EXTREMIST SLOGANS ON WALLS OF VICTIM'S APARTMENT ALLUDING TO THE TROTSKYITE EJERCITO REVOLUCIONARIO DEL PUEBLO ( ERP) AS WELL AS THE TRELEW EPISODE OF LAST AUGUST 22 IN WHICH 16 EXTREMISTS DIED IN WHAT WAS OFFICIALLY DESCRIBED AS A PRISON ESCAPE ATTEMPT. VICTIM'S WIFE AND TWELVE- YEAR OLD CHILD WERE LOCKED IN BATHROOM DURING KIDNAPPING.

3. COMMENT. WHILE NO COMMUNIQUE FROM KIDNAPPERS TAKING CREDIT FOR ABDUCTION AND PRESENTING RANSOM DEMANDS HAS BEEN FORTHCOMING AS OF MIDDAY APRIL2, THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT THAT EPISODE IS  
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POLITICALLY MOTIVATED. POSSIBLE RANSOM DEMAND COULD BE RELEASE  
BEFORE MAY 25 OF SOME OR ALL OF 23 AS YET UNPROCESSED PERSONS  
BEING HELD AT THE DISPOSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE POWER ACCORDING  
TO PRESIDENT LANUSSE ( SEE SEPTTEL).  
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